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## Haven for City's homeless kids



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\$4.5 million for  
Tenderloin housing  
announced at  
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and Rachel Gordon  
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Mayor Brown's economic summit started with a flourish Tuesday morning when Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cis-

EXPECTING





# Haven for City's homeless kids





THE LIGHTS ARE dimmed, and all's quiet. It's time for Jevon Jamal Cael, 4, to sleep. "Nap time's hard for Jevon," said Cynthia Peterson, a therapist at the Tenderloin Child Care Center. "It's a time when you have to relax and let go. That's hard to do when kids have a lot of worries."

Like a third of the 36 youngsters at the center, Jevon is homeless. In the past year, he's moved seven times. For the last four months, home has been a tiny room shared with his 33-year-old father in a Tenderloin family shelter.

Ten years ago, families like Jevon's might have fallen through the cracks of a social service system unprepared for the phenomenon of parents and kids on the streets.

Today, a network of programs provides a short-term safety net — from shelters to a grab bag of social services.

One new service is child care, which can free parents to look for permanent housing and provide stability for youngsters.

The Tenderloin Child Care Center, known as TLC and run by the nonprofit Compass Community Services, was the first agency to open its doors to homeless kids, in 1990. Twelve of TLC's 36 child care spaces are reserved for them.

Last September, the Holy Family Day Home in the Mission District set aside 32 spaces for homeless kids. Another 135 will be eligible for a

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**Kitty Ryan**, above, a teacher at the Tenderloin Child Care Center in San Francisco, rocks Jevon Cael, 4, a homeless child, to sleep during the center's nap time. Jevon, whose life since he and his single father became homeless has been stressful, finds it difficult to relax and go to sleep. In the picture at right, Eileen O'Donnell, the center's director, checks out Tierney Keane's complaint of a hurting toe during a lasagna lunch.

# CARING FOR KIDS

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